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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
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NAPOLEONE FERRARA and DENIS)
GOSPODAROWICZ) Group Art Unit:
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Serial No.: 346,165) Examiner:
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Filed: May 2, 1989)
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For: ENDOTHELIAL CELL GROWTH)
FACTOR AND METHODS OF)
ISOLATION)

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE LETTER AS REQUESTED

Sir:

Attached is a NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE RESPONSE dated October 20, 1989. The Notice states that our response received by the P.T.O. on September 29, 1989 was incomplete in that an originally signed Declaration was not submitted.

The undersigned, Howard M. Peters, is the attorney of record in this case.

The undersigned attorney spoke with Ms. Carol A. Barnes of the Special Processing Branch, Bldg. 7C10, by telephone (703-557-3831) on October 27, 1989. After some discussion, Ms. Barnes requested that this fact letter be written.

The undersigned obtained the signature of Napoleone Ferrara on September 7, 1989, just before he travelled to Europe, and the signature of Denis Gospodarowicz on September 28, 1989 on a separate sheet. I was not present when either signature was made, but had instructed each to sign and return the signed document to me. Dr. Ferrara's original signature was in black ink and I remember thinking that the page might be mistaken as a copy and not as an original signature. The Missing Parts,

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including the originally signed Declaration, were Express Mailed (Cert. No. MB211198272) on September 29, 1989.

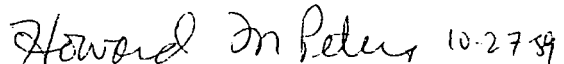
To the best of my information and belief, the Declaration submitted on September 29, 1989 had the original signatures of both Napoleone Ferrara and Denis Gospodarowicz.

If there are any questions, the Examiner or any other employee of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is requested to call (collect) the undersigned at 415-421-2674 as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT -- This application was filed on May 2, 1989. The six month deadline for curing Missing Parts defects, I believe, will expire November 2, 1989. Immediate action at the U.S. Patent Office is requested so that I will have time to respond further if needed.

A Power to Inspect this case by Ms. Annette Masiello or her representatives is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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